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1. SWEDISH PRESS JULY 4 AND 10 GIVE CONFLICTING INFORMATION OF STATUS STANSAAB NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET AUTHORITIES. ONE REPORT STATES AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WHILE OTHER INDICATES SWEDISH NEGOTIATIONS ARE STILL IN PROGRESS. EFFORTS TO CONTACT STANSAAB OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN UNAVAILING TO DATE BECAUSE KEY OFFICERS ARE ON SUMMER LEAVE.

2. JULY 4 SVENSKA DAGBLADET REPORT, PURPORTEDLY FROM A COMPANY LEAK, STATES:

A. STANSAAB (JOINTLY OWNED BY SUAB AND SAAB-SCANIA) HAS SECURED SKR 380 MILLION SOVIET CONTRACT FOR COMPUTERIZED AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM FOR MOSCOW AND TWO OTHER CITIES.

B. MOSCOW HAD ASKED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT BE DELAYED UNTIL AUGUST.
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C. STANSAAB SOURCE REFUSED TO CONFIRM OR DENY REPORT.

3. JULY 10 DAGEN NYHETER, QUOTING A STANSAAB MANAGING DIRECTOR GUNNAR WEDELL, STATES: "STANSAAB'S CHANCES OF

OBTAINING ORDER ARE THOUGHT TO BE GOOD, BUT DETAILS WILL NOT BE FORMALLY APPROVED UNTIL FALL AT EARLIEST".

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON REF A, SLIMAK'S STATEMENT REGARDING NEGOTIATIONS FOR DELIVERY OF SENSITIVE MILITARY-RELATED EQUIPMENT. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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